

**PATENT APPLICATION**



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

application of

Hidenori YAMANAKA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/317,986

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Examiner: C. Pratt

For: MELT-BLOWN, NON-WOVEN FABRIC OF POLYARYLENE SULFIDE AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Response to the outstanding rejection of January 31, 2001, three times extended to July 31, 2001 by an appropriate three-month Petition for Extension of Time and authorization to charge our Deposit Account number submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

1. (Amended) A melt-blown, non-woven fabric comprising polyarylene sulfide having a branched structure and a non-Newtonian coefficient of 1.05-1.20.